

## KENTUCKY CATTLE INVENTORY

Year	All Cattle	Milk Cows (000 Head)	Beef Cows	Calf Crop
1920	1,093	455	65	
1925	971	473	56	399
1930	990	498	45	408
1935	1,212	610	67	542
1940	1,243	555	80	521
1945	1,458	655	153	671
1950	1,548	661	187	738
1955	1,773	654	341	886
1960	2,053	561	515	947
1965	2,470	486	843	1,170
1970	2,803	379	1,055	1,328
1975	3,750	296	1,429	1,500
1980	2,700	244	1,106	1,240
1985	2,580	232	1,038	1,110
1990	2,420	205	1,045	1,180
1991	2,500	195	1,085	1,190
1992	2,550	185	1,105	1,200
1993	2,600	180	1,120	1,220
1994	2,600	175	1,155	1,230
1995	2,650	165	1,165	1,250
1996	2,700	160	1,200	1,230
1997	2,550	150	1,160	1,180
1998	2,480	145	1,165	1,160
1999	2,420	135	1,105	1,120
2000	2,230	130	1,050	1,090
2001	2,260	130	1,060	1,080
2002	2,300	125	1,075	1,100
2003	2,400	120	1,110	1,110
2004	2,320	112	1,128	1,040
2005	2,250	110	1,100	1,100
2006	2,380	102	1,118	1,130
2007	2,460	93	1,207	1,110
2008	2,400	91	1,159	1,070
2009	2,300	86	1,114	1,030
2010	2,300	80	1,070	-

## KENTUCKY INVENTORY RECORD HIGHS AND LOWS

Class	HIGHS		LOWS	
	Year	Number (000 Head)	Year	Number (000 Head)
All Cattle	1975	3,750	1869	762
Beef Cows	1975	1,429	1930	45
Milk Cows	1954	674	2010	80
Calf Crop	1974	1,570	1924	393

## KENTUCKY CATTLE INVENTORY JANUARY 1, 2010

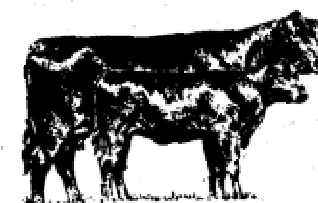
	(000 head)	% of Jan '09
All Cattle & Calves	2,300	100
Beef Cows	1,070	96
Milk Cows	80	93
Bulls 500+ Lbs	75	100
Steers 500+ Lbs	235	109
Heifers 500+ Lbs	330	103
Beef Replacement	150	94
Milk Replacement	50	100
Other	130	118
Calves Under 500 Lbs	510	104
2009 Calf Crop	1,030	96



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# KENTUCKY CATTLE FACTS



This brochure highlights some of the significant facts about Kentucky's cattle industry. Additional information may be obtained by calling USDA, NASS, Kentucky Field Office at 1-800-928-5277 or visiting our internet web page at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ky/>.

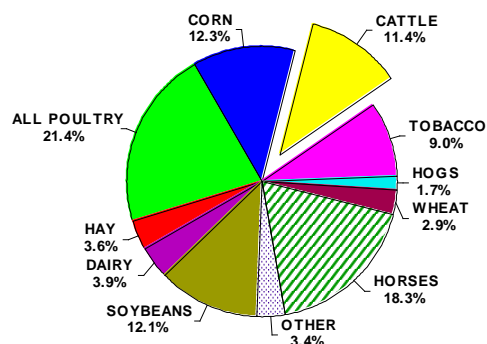
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**2009 KENTUCKY CASH RECEIPTS  
FROM FARM MARKETINGS  
STATE TOTAL = \$4,257,624,000**



**ALL CATTLE & CALVES  
TOP PRODUCING COUNTIES  
JANUARY 1, 2010**

	(Head)
Barren	94,000
Pulaski	64,000
Lincoln	63,000
Allen	58,500
Warren	58,500

**BEEF COWS  
TOP PRODUCING COUNTIES  
JANUARY 1, 2010**

	(Head)
Barren	36,400
Pulaski	28,800
Warren	27,700
Madison	24,500
Monroe	24,500

**ALL CATTLE & CALF INVENTORY  
JANUARY 1, 2010**

	(1,000 Head)
1. Texas	13,300
2. Nebraska	6,250
3. Kansas	6,000
4. Oklahoma	5,450
5. California	5,150
6. Missouri	4,150
7. Iowa	3,850
8. South Dakota	3,800
9. Wisconsin	3,400
10. Colorado	2,600
11. Montana	2,550
12. Minnesota	2,420
13. <b>KENTUCKY</b>	<b>2,300</b>
14. Idaho	2,140
15. Tennessee	2,040
UNITED STATES	93,701

**BEEF COWS INVENTORY  
JANUARY 1, 2010**

	(1,000 Head)
1. Texas	5,140
2. Oklahoma	2,073
3. Missouri	1,968
4. Nebraska	1,781
5. South Dakota	1,618
6. Montana	1,465
7. Kansas	1,434
8. <b>KENTUCKY</b>	<b>1,070</b>
9. Tennessee	997
10. Florida	958
UNITED STATES	31,376

**COW - CALF PRODUCTION  
COSTS AND RETURNS 2009 <sup>1/</sup>**

Item	Heartland	Eastern Uplands
Dollars Per Bred Cow		
Gross value of production:		
Calves	379.56	261.76
Stockers and Yearlings	40.61	50.45
Other cattle <sup>2/</sup>	70.55	51.79
Total, gross value of production	\$490.72	\$364.00
Operating costs:		
Feed:		
Purchased feed	100.27	62.46
Homegrown harvested feed	248.02	184.22
Grazed feed	97.10	77.78
Total, feed costs	\$445.39	\$324.46
Other:		
Cattle for backgrounding	50.22	19.11
Veterinary and medicine	32.05	19.26
Bedding and litter	0.35	0.60
Marketing	10.46	10.81
Custom services	10.16	7.07
Fuel, lube, and electricity	31.04	26.38
Repairs	50.32	26.78
Interest on operating capital	0.91	0.63
Total, operating costs	\$630.90	\$435.10
Allocated overhead:		
Hired labor	13.66	17.04
Opportunity cost of unpaid labor	381.34	423.18
Capital recovery of machinery and equipment <sup>3/</sup>	251.41	235.47
Opportunity cost of land (rental rate)	0.21	0.18
Taxes and insurance	26.73	19.69
General farm overhead	29.05	26.07
Total, allocated overhead	\$702.40	\$721.63
Total, costs listed	\$1,333.30	\$1,156.73
Value of prod. less total costs listed	-842.58	-792.73
Value of prod. less operating costs	-140.18	-71.10
Supporting information:		
Beef cows on farm (head per farm) <sup>1/</sup>	63	78
Cows & heifers calving (head per farm) <sup>1/</sup>	59	63
Calves weaned (head per farm) <sup>1/</sup>	49	51
Calf weaning weight (lbs per head) <sup>1/</sup>	493	500
Calves sold (head per farm) <sup>1/</sup>	46	40
Stockers & Yearlings sold (head per farm) <sup>1/</sup>	4	6

Economic Research Service is publishing regional estimates using resource regions conforming with the standards recommended by the American Agricultural Economics Association (AAFA) Task Force on Commodity Costs and Returns. **Western Kentucky is in the Heartland region, while eastern Kentucky is in the Eastern Uplands.** <sup>1/</sup>Developed from survey base year, 2008. Includes operations with at least 20 beef cows. Excludes operations that retained calves until slaughter. <sup>2/</sup>Other cattle includes the value of cull cattle and breeding stock sales. <sup>3/</sup>Machinery and equipment, beef cattle housing and holding facilities, feed storage structures, and beef cattle breeding herd. <sup>4/</sup>Largest number of beef cows on the operation at any time during the year.